

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment under Rule 116 and reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13, 18 and 22 are pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-13 are allowed. Applicants further note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 18 and 22 would be allowable if placed in independent form. By this Amendment, claims 18 and 22 have been placed in independent form.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, all remaining rejections and objections in the subject application have been rendered moot, and this application is believed in condition for allowance.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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